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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

MAPLE, Catharine Anne et al.

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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Official Action dated June 24, 2003 for three months from September 24, 2003 to December 24, 2003.

A credit card authorization form to cover the cost of the extension is attached. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No.: 07-1337.

Respectfully submitted,

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